



Background

Crafty Spirit is a Contemplative Arts Community and part of the 1001 New Worshiping Communities Movement. It is a pivot of Limen Place. In addition to maintaining a monthly newsletter, [website](#), blog, and online Facebook page, Limen Place held three monthly meetings:

1. Contemplative Arts Circle
2. Spiritual Direction Circle
3. Louisville Labyrinth walks

Limen Place ran from 2020-2022 and had twelve regular attendees. Van and I took a hiatus in March 2022 while we discerned our relationship with Christianity. Van ended up leaving the faith and the group, whereas I am slowly working my way back. Although I wanted to keep Limen Place running, at the time it proved to be too much on my own. Limen Place shut down in October of 2022.

However, now that I don't have a full-time job, I feel called back to Limen Place—but with a rebrand to honor the shift in leadership and focus on what I had previously offered. Limen Place was a blend of creative practices and social justice. Crafty Spirit will focus on creative practices and spiritual growth.

About

Crafty Spirit will have three foci:

1. **Contemplative Arts Circle**- This circle will meet twice per month. Once in person, and once online. The activity will be the same each time. This way people can join in person or remotely, as they wish. They don't have to miss a class, and I don't have to deal with hybrid group structures.
2. **Contemplative Writers Circle** - This is a space for writers to meet once a month and reflect on their process. It is not a critique group. Rather, it is time for writers to come together and share what is moving with them in their writing life—the breakthroughs and the breakdowns. Participants will receive noticing, questions, and creative support from an intimate group of contemplative peers who listen into their project and process with them.
3. **Spiritual Direction Opportunities** - This is a time in which a trained person walks with others as they explore their own relationship with Spirit in their lives. Spiritual direction will be offered in groups and to individuals. I am not yet fully trained. I am in my praxis year and will graduate from Cherry Hill Seminary in March 2024.

Partnering with Highland

I am grateful to Highland for their support of Limen Place and am asking that Highland Presbyterian Church reaffirm that commitment with this revamped New Worshiping Community for 1001, a PC(USA) ministry. For more about 1001 NWC visit

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/>

Highland can support Crafty Spirit in the following ways:

- Provide emotional support
- Serve as advocates, advisors, and prayer partners
- Promote Crafty Spirit events and offerings in bulletins, newsletters, and emails
- Sign off on 1001 grants
- Provide classroom space - specifically, the classroom across from the Session room in the Pleune Mobley - for the in-person groups (schedule permitting)
- Extend fiscal sponsorship - HPC accepts funds on behalf of Crafty Spirit, allowing donors to make tax-deductible donations. For more on fiscal sponsorship see here:
<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/running-nonprofit/administration-and-financial-management/fiscal-sponsorship-nonprofits>
- Donation of funds for art supplies

Going Forward

I intend to grow into the offerings for Crafty Spirit, starting with the contemplative arts circles. I am in the process of developing a website. I would like to host in-person groups once a month, preferably on a Wednesday evening. The other offerings will be added as the group grows, and as the programming is developed.

I am still working out how to ensure Crafty Spirit is self-sustaining financially. Many 1001 NWCs charge for their offerings. Unless I receive sizable donations and grants from outside organizations (including Highland), I will likely do so as well, eventually. I plan to start with a \$20 suggested donation from participants for the Contemplative Arts Circle. However, in exchange for Highland's partnership, all group activities will be offered to HPC members free of charge, even if the group events end up being fee-based.

Thank you for your consideration-



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